

Salem Lamartine 9:30 5/11/69

*Processional Hymn 444
*Choral Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Proverbs 31; 10-31
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Pastoral Prayer
Anthem
Announcements
May 18th Mens Choir Butler
May 25th communion Rev. Defibaugh
May 25th Mem. Serv. Lamartine 7:30

RUTH REAPER IN OIL CITY INSP
DOR: THE PITTMAN BROKEN B. ND RM 312
CHOR PRACTICE WED 8:00

Offering, Response, Prayer
Hymn 445
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 471
Benediction
*Threefold Amen

St. John's Melenton 11:00 5/11/69

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Responsive Reading sel 61 Pg. 608
Hymn 237
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Offering, Prayer
*Hymn 275
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 445
Benediction
*Threefold Amen

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exalts in God my saviour;
because He has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

From this day forward all generations will call me
blessed, for the Almighty has done great things
for me. Holy is His name, and His mercy reaches
from age to age for those who fear Him.

He has shown the power of His arm, He has routed the
proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from
their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry He
has filled with good things, the rich sent empty
away. He has come to the help of Israel His servant,
mindful of His mercy - according to the promise He
made to our ancestors - of His mercy to Abraham
and to his descendants for ever."

Call to Worship: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord.

Call to Confession: Behold I stand at the door and knock;
if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I
will come in to him and eat with him and he with me.
Let us come to the Lord with our confession.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: May our Lord Jesus Christ Him-
self, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us ete
eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort
our hearts and establish them in every good work and
word. Amen.

Frank Steele 90th birthday. yesterday.

death of C. Harry Raub

baptism following service.

FLOWERS PLACED IN MEMORY OF MRS NORA FOX
BY MR & MRS. RICHARD F. FOX

ORGAN COMM. RECOMMENDED TO CONSISTORY &
CONSISTORY APPROVED & CONF. WILL VOTE NEXT
SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE.

CONSISTORY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

2:00.PM.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP May 9, 1971

The Organ Prelude
*The Hymn of Praise 12
*The Call to Worship
*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
O thou Author of creation and Father of man-
kind, we acknowledge and confess that our hearts
are unworthy to receive thee, for we have offended
thee in word and thought and deed. We have made
frail excuses when called to responsible decision,
to have withheld ourselves from right duty by re-
fusing to obey thy command to love. We have
hidden our faces from thy truth which is light
and consoled ourselves in darkness. But we
pray thee, our Father, to deem us worthy to be
restored to thyself. Save us from our sin,
blot out our guilt, and remold us into a new
creation devoted to thy will and worthy of thy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture---Proverbs 31:10-31
*The Gloria Patri
Anthem (Trinity)
Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology
*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Hymn of Meditation 470
The Sermon---"A Perfect Wife--Who Can Find Her?"
The Sermon Prayer
*The Hymn of Response 472
*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business conducted at the Association Meeting
is posted on the bulletin boards for your
perusal and information.

Next Sunday May 16th we will observe the Rite
of Confirmation during the worship services.

The annual Hoffman Home Homecoming and Bazaar
will be held on Sat. May 15, from 10:30 A.M.
to 6:00 P.M. In addition to the bazaar there
will be a chicken barbecue and other refresh-
ments, games, rides, a band, a barber shop
chorus, an art show and chapel services.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In conjunction with the bazaar at the Hoffman
Home, the ladies of Trinity will hold a no
bake, bake sale.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Missionary Circle will conduct services at
the Kinkora Home this afternoon.

Heidelberg Class will meet Tues. May 11th at
7:30 P.M.

Missionary Circle will meet May 11th at 7:30
P.M. in the home of ~~Ressie~~ ^{Donna} ~~Barrick~~ ^{Kirk}

Win-A-Chum-Class will meet May 14th at 7:30
P.M. in the home of Mabel Gelbach.

Those in the hospital:

Mrs. Gladys Fisher, Room 126, Community Gen.
Mr. Wm. Morris, Room 135, Community Gen. Ost.
Mrs. Joan Lightner, released and at home.

A Perfect Mother

MOTHER'S DAY

Text: Proverbs 31; 1

PROVERBS

A perfect wife- who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Once upon a time there was a young girl who was engaged to be married. The fellow she was engaged to was a hard working young man. Before they were married it was discovered that she was to have a baby. The young man was concerned because he knew that the baby to be was not his. He was going to call the wedding off, but after much deliberation he became convinced that the proper thing to do was to marry the girl. And so they were wed. The baby was born and it was a nice little boy. The young girl was a good mother and a good wife. She took care of her husband and family and made a nice home for them. Gradually the years went by and then her husband died leaving her a widow. This meant that the oldest son became the breadwinner for the family. He worked to support his mother and his brothers and sisters. The hardest blow that this woman had to take was that her oldest son was arrested, tried, convicted and executed for a crime he did commit.

~~This story is a rather common one.~~ Most women sometime after they have completed their education, get married and settle down to the routine of being a dutiful wife and mother. But the age old question that has been asked by man for countless centuries is the one written in the 31st Proverb which asks, "A perfect wife - who can find her? Generally after a man and woman become man and wife, there comes a time when the husband begins to realize that no matter how highly he once thought of his wife, he ~~becomes~~ ^{is} aware that she is not the perfect wife. And this works in reverse too, since very soon the wife knows that her husband is far from perfect. We have a saying that states, "The honeymoon is over." Which is merely saying that the smell of orange blossoms and roses is gone. The wonderful world of everything being perfect is gone and reality sets in. And life takes on the serious aspect it usually is.

A perfect wife or mother, if you prefer since this is mothers day, is no where to be found. But this does not mean that there aren't some who come pretty close to this discription. We all know that in anything human there is no

perfection. Anything that is made by humans or connected with humanity is not, nor ever will be perfect. Only God is ^{CAPABLE} ~~capable~~ of perfection. An old negro was speaking about his wife when he said, "She aint got so many faults, but she sur do make the most of them she's got."

Although we know that we can not achieve perfection as humans or expect it of humans, we do like to strive to come close to it or as near to it as is possible to come. However if we look at the present trend as far as the marriage and divorce rate is concerned, we can be appalled at the results. In a recent survey a noted authority stated that at the present time only one marriage in every three will survive. Of the three marriages it breaks down like this. One will definately end in divorce. One will continue to be a marriage in name only because of the children, and the remaining one will be a happy marriage. This doesn't speak too well of the young men and women being raised in our nation, ^{TODAY} does it? But the children are the direct reflection of the parents. And who has the most direct influence on the lives of the children? It's mother isn't it? William Ross Wallace wrote the line that is so often quoted, "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Emerson wrote, "Men are what their mothers made them." Think about it. I have often wondered what the mother of Adolf Hitler would have thought, had she been alive to see the monster her son turned into. I have often wondered what many other mothers have thought when they have seen their children turn into something other than what they tried to raise them to be. My own mother always said something to my brothers and I when we would be punished for something, ^{WE DID BUT} ~~and~~ it always sounded out of place to me. She always said, "I want you to grow up to be a good man, and I would never want to have to live to see you put in the electric chair. Because from little things that are wrong, you go to bigger and bigger wrong things." I really couldn't get the point at the time. But I do now. She meant that it may be stealing a dime today, but tomorrow it is not as much of a thrill, so something bigger must be taken. Until finally the only thrill left would be to rob a bank or an armored ^{WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH} ~~car~~, and perhaps kill someone in the process. This is the reasoning behind all this dope and drug traffic. A kid starts out smoking a marijuana cigarette and event-

ually the thrill is gone and so he graduates to LSD or ~~or~~ heroin. This must be the most tragic thing of all of life, for a mother to stand by helplessly and see her son or daughter waste their precious life in degradation. Naturally there is never a guarantee that just because a son or daughter is raised decently, that they will never turn out this way. Sometimes a child gets in with the wrong people and this proves to be too much for them to cope with. However the majority of the cases have proven that if a child is given the proper care and supervision in the formative years that this will stand them in good stead in later life. ^{During} Last Christmas ^{SEVERAL YEARS AGO DURING XMAS} vacation a group of college students were on the Butler radio station on a program called, "Speak Up." One incident related by a girl going to the University of Cincinnati, involved herself and two other girls. When she went to attend the university she was given a room to share with two other girls. The one girl smoked marijuana in the room repeatedly, although they were forbidden to smoke in their rooms. After a while she talked the other girl into trying a cigarette. So then two of them were doing it. But the girl from Butler refused to try it and as a result she was ridiculed quite fiercely by the one girl who was the instigator. Finally it got so bad that she went to the dean and requested a new room assignment without ^{IMPLICATING} ~~implicating~~ the ^{GIRLS} ~~person~~, and her request was granted. ^{BUT THIS ONE GIRL HAD LED ONE ANOTHER} But you see here is the result of her home training. Probably she had a mother who really cared what happened to her daughter, and so she taught her right from wrong. She took the time to share herself with the girl. This is what makes a perfect wife. Women who are not so wrapped up in themselves that they can share themselves with their children. Who can take the extra time and the effort to spend it on their kids. But unfortunately in today's society this is not in vogue. ^{IT'S PASSE, OLD HAT.} It isn't stylish to be a plain old housewife anymore. Pick up any woman's magazine and you will probably find an article in it on how to join the revolution against drudgery and boredom, to ^{quote} ~~use~~ the common words used, get away from it all and be a career woman. I spoke once before about a group of women in New York who were using all kinds of means and methods to become business executives and congresswomen and so on. One of the women ~~came~~ ^{came} from California and she stated the one of the things that needs to be changed in the Eastern part of our nation is the fact that there are no day care centers for their children. In California and out on the coast area most

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husbands and wives both work, and the children are placed in one of these day
care centers and picked up at night. These centers take the place of the mother.
How can one or two women act as a mother for dozens of children which are not
their own? The answer is they can't, and they don't care too much about the be-
haviour of these kids, just so they don't get out of hand. In other words they c
can't take the place of good old mom. So what do we expect of our modern day kids?
How can they be the children they should be if the mothers are always pushing
them off on someone ^{else} to take care of them? I was happy ^{THAT I SAW SOMETIME AGO} to see ^A the mother of ~~that~~ a
20 year old college student at Washington and Jefferson college yank him out of
school when the rumpus started with the protest he was leading. This should be
done to a lot more of these smart alecks and we wouldn't have the mess we have in
our land today. Children need authority and they need supervision, and much of it
must come from the mother. A perfect wife and mother - who can find her? The
young woman in the story I told when we started ~~xxxxx~~ was so overjoyed at the
thought of becoming a mother for the first time she said, "quote the Magnificat."
This is called, "The magnificat", and in case you haven't guessed, the name of this
mother ^{IS} ~~was~~ Mary, the mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Again not a p-
fect mother, but certainly one chosen of God.

In a ~~recent~~ ^a conversation with ~~one of our members,~~ ^{OF A LADY I MET} ~~this~~ ^{THE} young lady
was telling me of a move from a larger house to a smaller one and what it meant.
She said that the ~~smaller~~ house took less care and cleaning and therefore she was
able to spend more time with her husband and family. I mentioned that I admired
the average housewife and how she washes the same dishes meal after meal, and clean
the same rooms, and makes the same beds day after day. I asked her how she could
do this and not get bored. And she replied that she liked to do it, and it didn't
bother her that she was doing the same thing over and over. Now there to me is
devotion. There is love. And certainly I consider her one of the finest mothers I
have met. But she is not the only one. I have met many, many fine mothers in my
~~TRAVELS~~ ^{THEIR} ~~stay~~ here. I have been in many of ~~your~~ ^{THEIR} homes and seen ~~your~~ ^{THEIR} families. I have wit-
nessed first hand the love and devotion of the fine mothers we have in our con-
gregations. I say thank God for decent loving mothers. Thank God for motherhood
and all of the devotion it entails. Today you and I will hear and read all sorts

of drivel about mothers. But the real mothers I have met and known, can't abide or tolerate this rubbish. What they want, and all they want, is the appreciation and love of their families. All they ask is a simple show of thanks for their efforts. And they are content doing their duty and being the wonderful loving mothers that God created them to be. May all of our young ladies here this morning, grow to become someday the same wonderful loving mothers that their mothers are. Only in this way can we be sure that our nation will continue to produce the people we need to run. For it is still those hands that rock the cradle that rules this world. Whether it still be ^{AN ACTUAL} ~~a~~ cradle or ^{THE} ~~a~~ cradled arm of mother. Helen Steiner Rice wrote a poem entitled, "A Mother's Love", which I would like to share with you this morning. "A Mother's Love, " by Helen Steiner Rice in, "Just For You," page 24. Let us pray.